JFW

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Docket Number: 01679/17

STATEMENT
Application Number | Filing Date

Multiple Gear Ratio Transmission Device

10/579,669
Invention Title

May 17, 2006

Examiner TBA

Art Unit 3682

Inventor(s)

Roumen ANTONOV, et al

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date

By:

hn E. Tsavaris (Reg. No. 33.804)

Sir:

- 1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the attached references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form No. 1449, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).
- 2. Enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report, issued in a counterpart-PCT application. The International Search Report is the source of the references submitted herewith.
- 3. In accordance 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of each of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not being provided.

4. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this form is enclosed for charging purposes.

Dated:

Bv:

John E. Tsavaris (Reg. No. 33,804)

KENYON & KENYON

One Broadway

New York, N.Y. 10004

(212) 425-7200 (telephone)

(212) 425-5288 (facsimile)

**CUSTOMER NO. 26646** 

PTO/SB/08a (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Application Number 10/579,669 Filing Date INFORMATION DISCLOSURE May 17, 2006 First Named Inventor Roumen ANTONOV, et al. STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Art Unit 3682 **Examiner Name** TBA (Use as many sheets as necessary)

Attorney Docket Number 01679/17

Examiner	Cite	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
Initials*	No.1	Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (# known)</sup>	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US- 2,981,126	04-25-1961		
		US-4,468,980	09-04-1984		
···········		US-5,584,775	12-17-1996		
		US-5,735,376	04-07-1998		1614-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-1
		US-2003/199360	10-23-2003		
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
	ļ	US-			
		US-			
1-2		US-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		US-			
* ****	l	US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document  Country Code <sup>3</sup> 'Number <sup>4</sup> 'Kind Code <sup>3</sup> ( <i>if known</i> )	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁴	
····	ļ	••••••			***************************************		
						L	
	ļ <u></u>					L	
						Γ	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3), 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Office, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction

PTO/SB/08b (07-05)

Approved for use through 06/30/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for for	m 1449B/PTO			Complete if Known			
				Application Number	10/579,669		
INFORM	MATION D	ISCLO	SURE	Filing Date	May 17, 2006		
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			CANT	First Named Inventor	Roumen ANTONOV, et al		
				Art Unit	3682		
(Us	e as many sheets a	as necessary)		Examiner Name	TBA		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	01679/17		

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*  Cite No.1  Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), and/or country where published.					
	International Search Report issued April 12, 2005 in PCT/FR2004/002935 (counterpart International application)				
		<u></u>			
***************************************					
		Cite No.1 Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.  International Search Report issued April 12, 2005 in PCT/FR2004/002935 (counterpart International application)			

'			
Examiner	,	Date	
Signature		Considered	·

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.